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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Andrew Kevin MCPARLAND

Serial No.:

Group Art Unit:

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For:

METHOD FOR INSERTING AUXILIARY DATA IN AN AUDIO DATA

STREAM

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend the Application as follows:

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS:**

Please insert the attached amended pages of specification and claims for the corresponding pages of specification and claims as filed.

At page 1, line after the title, insert the following subsection:

#### --Reference to Related Applications

This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB99/02473, whose international filing date is July 29, 1999, which in turn claims the benefit of Great Britain Application No. 9816518.6, filed July 29, 1998, the disclosures of

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which Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority dates of the International and Great Britain Applications is respectfully requested.--

#### **REMARKS**

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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